

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph from page 8, lines 20-22 with the following:

Fig. 5 illustrates a bid transformation function;

Fig. 6A illustrates a bid history chart based upon buyer and supplier viewpoints;

Fig. 6B illustrates a bid history chart based upon buyer and supplier viewpoints; and

Fig. 6C illustrates a bid history chart based upon buyer and supplier viewpoints.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 51, 52 and 58.

Please amend the following claims without prejudice, as follows.

11. (Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein step (b) further comprises generating detransformed bid information, and wherein step (c) comprises the step of transmitting said detransformed bid information to said second bidder.

31. (Amended) The system of claim 29, further comprising means for generating detransformed bid information, wherein said transmitted second bid information comprises detransformed bid information.

50. (Amended) The method of claim 48, wherein step (a) comprises the step of transmitting a price per physical measure of weight or volume for a lot of coal defined by said first bidder.

59. (Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein step (b) comprises the step of receiving a bid price in a local currency of said first bidder.